

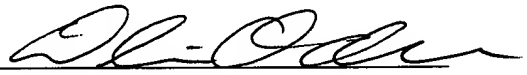
**REMARKS**

Please enter the above amendments prior to consideration of the merits of the present application.

A copy of the amended portion of the specification with changes marked therein is attached and entitled "*Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.*"

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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

SERVICE PROVIDING APPARATUS AND METHOD THAT ALLOW  
AN APPARATUS TO ACCESS UNIQUE INFORMATION

STORED IN TRANSPORTABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

5 *This application is a continuation-in-part under  
35 U.S.C. section 120 of U.S. application Serial No.  
091482,521 filed January 14, 2000 which is incorporated  
herein by reference.*

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to data communication between a user's apparatus and another apparatus, such as the access from a terminal on the Internet to a Web site. More particularly, the present invention relates to a technique of facilitating the handling of personal information of each user and enhancing the security of the personal information.

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15 2. Description of the Related Art

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In recent years, the Internet has become increasingly popular and more and more services are being provided on the Internet. A major service offered on the Internet is WWW (World Wide Web) that is a client/server-type information search system.

20 In WWW, server apparatuses (Web sites) provide information in HTML files and users of the Internet browse the information using browsing software called Web browsers at terminals (Web clients). Various information and services are currently provided at numerous Web sites and a technology called "cookies" is widely used to provide information with efficiency. When  
25 a user enters a Web site, the Web site stores data, such as